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Note and Comment.

With scarcity of fuel in other western towns and cities and consequent inconvenience and suffering, Edmonton and Medicine Hat have reason to consider themselves fortunate. The former, with its practically illimitable coal deposits in and about the city, is independent of traffic conditions. The latter, with its abundant supply of natural gas, has about as much personal interest in the coal situation as it had in the earthquake in Jamaica. At the Burns banquet at Medicine Hat, the Scottish bard's well-known stanza was cleverly parodied by Mr. Morrow to read:

Some towns ha'e coal they don't control,

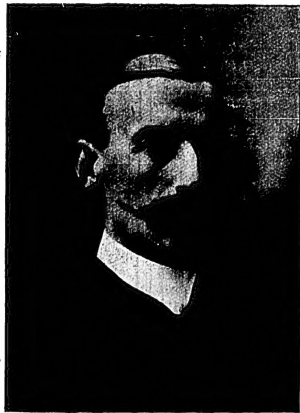
An' some nae oil that want it,
But we hae gas, sae dinna pass,
Let factories here be planted.

Gas is being supplied to the people of the city at the remarkably low rate of 13½ cents per thousand net and at that the municipality is getting enough revenue to put it on easy street. During December the estimated receipts were \$3000. As it turned out they reached \$4900.

The taking of a census is a serious matter from a moral standpoint. Many rivals to Ananias have sprung up in connection with that taken last June. Who they are is sometimes difficult to specify, but that they exist is certain. For instance, in its last issue the Pincher Creek Echo runs across its front page "Pincher Creek population—as taken by the Government enumerator, 589; as taken by the municipal enumerator, 901." Whom are we to believe? Slight guidance may be obtained from the fact that while local men were employed by the Government as enumerators, they acted in accordance with a definite system and under supervision. Which figures is the public most likely to trust, those supplied in this way or those which a municipality takes for its own benefit?

A well-known statesman once described lies as of three varieties, "plain lies,—lies, and statistics." It is given to some to handle the latter so artistically that they can deceive people. The Calgary Herald, however, does not possess this gift. Discussing the redistribution of Alberta seats, it says that a gerrymander is in prospect and in order to make good its claim ushers out once more its figures comparing the north and south of the province. For instance it shows that in the general election of Novem-

Albertans in the Public Eye.



MR. E. N. BARKER, OF CARDSTON.

The occasion for the introduction of Mr. Barker to the readers of the Saturday News is his recent election as a director of the Alberta Farmers' Association; but there are other reasons why they should be acquainted with his personality. It should be no small matter of pride that Alberta has been able to attract such a man to its citizenship. Mr. Barker was born at Speelsbury, Oxon, England, August 25, 1850, and is the youngest son of the Rev. T. C. Barker for many years vicar of Speelsbury, Oxon and later of Carleton in Craven, Yorkshire. He spent some time in his early years in France and Italy but later went to school in England, but, having always a predilection for out-door life and particularly farming, he became a pupil to the Agent of Lord Chesham in Buckinghamshire and spent some time on the home farm which was then celebrated for Shorthorn, Jersey cattle, Shropshire sheep, Berkshire pigs, etc., etc., Lord Chesham being the president of the Royal Agricultural Society at the time. After spending some time in North Wales Mr. Barker came to America landing at the English Colony in Iowa situated at Sioux City and Le Mars. This was in 1882. A year later he left Sioux City alone and journeyed up to Billings, Mont., for the Northern Pacific did not run much further, and obtained work on a cow ranch on the Musschell River. In the spring of 1884, the following year, he again took to the road and with three others started for Alberta overland and arrived at the Coal Banks on the Belly River (which is Lehigh now) in May, 1884. That summer was spent putting up hay for the Cochrane Ranch and the winter at the Muirhead Ranch two miles below the Cochrane. In the spring of 1885 the rebellion broke out and Mr. Barker joined the Rocky Mountain Rangers at Macleod and spent the summer at Medicine Hat and on the top of the Cypress Hills. In the fall of 1885, after the rebellion was over, having quite a few horses, he took up a ranch on Lee's Creek and built a cabin, the first house built where Cardston stands now and there were only two other ranches on the St. Mary's River in this whole Southern country. The next year he was joined by Mr. H. A. Donovan and in 1887 they drove in some sheep from Montana, the year the first Mormon settlers arrived, and continued raising sheep and horses for some time. As settlement increased it became necessary to dissolve the sheep ranch and Mr. Barker who had been married in 1880 left for the State of Georgia where he remained two years on a plantation, but, on account of the climate not agreeing with him, reluctantly left for the North and settled up the Hudson River above New York. In 1900 he took to the newspaper business in Albany, New York and after a year spent there went to New York City and remained till the spring of 1905. Having occasion to go to Victoria, B.C., on business he came round by Cardston to look at his old place on his way back to New York but decided to remain and help push Alberta. When the Alberta Farmers' Association started, he became secretary of the Cardston Branch and is also a director of the Agricultural Fair Association, Secretary of the Board of Trade, a member of the Town Council, and in January 1907 became a director in the Alberta Farmers' Association. Always a farmer in spirit and devoted to outdoor life he hopes to be always identified with farming interests and the progress of Agriculture.

He has always been an animal and bird crank and started showing chickens when 15 years old. He has bred and shown lots of winners in dogs, cats, guinea pigs, poultry, and pigeons. Has judged in England and America, in London, England, at New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Toronto Industrial, Detroit, New York State Fair, Syracuse, N.Y., Rochester, N.Y., Cleveland, Winnipeg, Victoria, B.C., and numerous other places. Always a farmer in spirit and devoted to outdoor life he has bred Jersey cattle, horses, Berkshire and Poland China pigs and sheep. Any thing alive comes natural to him. He used to write on these topics and illustrate them with his own camera. Mrs. Barker was known as the pioneer breeder of high class Persian cats in America and treated them homeopathically and was so successful her writing was put in book form. Her husband wrote the American part to the book of the Cat (Cassell), and the chapter on Cats in the last edition of the Encyclopedia Americana, which has found its way into many Albertan homes in the last few months.

As a worker and as a man of rare intelligence and tact, Mr. Barker has been able to accomplish a very great deal for the Cardston district. On all topics affecting the interests of the province, he has a wide fund of information, and it is to be hoped that the people of Alberta generally will be able henceforth to enlist his services in a variety of ways.

ber 1904 there were 59.5 per cent of the votes cast in the south. What has that to do with the present situation? A census was taken only last June for the express purpose of acting as a guide in the redistribution of seats, and the plan which the committee at Ottawa is said to contemplate follows strictly on the basis of that enumeration. The Herald does refer to the latter but only to the extent of comparing the urban populations in the north and south. Does it ask that in redistributing the seats the rural population, which is three-quarters that of the whole province, should not be considered? Then it goes on to point out that 58 per cent of the butter output is in the south. What intelligence does the Herald give its readers credit for? One might just as well claim that the north is entitled to more members because it produces more oats or because its fur trade is larger. The attempt which the Herald makes to confuse the question is pitiable.

The death of Donald Walker, the Regina bell-boy, who went about the Windsor hotel rousing the guests when the building took fire and then had to jump from the fourth storey, after being terribly burned, illustrates anew the fact that heroes are not confined to any walk of life. Like Jim Bludso He saw his duty a dead sure thing And went for it thar and then.

Disasters like that at Regina do not always bring out what is best in human nature, but such conduct as young Walker's affords an inspiring example for those in humble as well as exalted positions of responsibility.

Capt. Barber has succeeded in obtaining a grant of \$15,000 from the government at Ottawa for the improvement of navigation on the Little Slave River. Wing dams will be constructed, which it is said will enable steamers to run from Athabasca Landing to the upper end of Lesser Slave Lake, a distance of 210 miles. If this can be accomplished for \$15,000, the money will be well spent. It will greatly improve the facilities of travel into a very rich part of the west. At present it is exceedingly difficult to reach the Peace River country and Capt. Barber is entitled to not a little credit for the enterprise which he has shown.

The Conservative Government in British Columbia has secured what, in view of the influences that were against it, is a veritable

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PERSONAL

Much sorrow is felt in High River over the death at Kamloops of a former member of the staff of the Union Bank, John McLean.

C. R. Mitchell of Medicine Hat has returned from a trip to Cuba.

City engineer Keeley has been snowbound at Minneapolis for some days on his return from his eastern trip.

Alexander Monkman of Grand Prairie, Peace River, arrived in Edmonton on Saturday last, the journey taking him 82 days.

F. M. Rodgers, J. P., has returned to Innisfail after a prolonged visit to England.

Rev. C. W. Corey preached his farewell sermon as pastor of Strathcona Baptist church on Sunday, prior to leaving to take up work in eastern Canada on behalf of the western mission board.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mode have returned to Strathcona from their honeymoon trip.

K. A. McLeod has returned from the coast.

One of the defeated Socialist candidates in Vancouver was R. P. Pettipiece, the founder of the Strathcona Chronicle.

A. T. Cushing is back from Vancouver and other British Columbia cities.

The resignation of Capt. Jack Brendon of the Dufferin Rifles regiment is announced. Captain Brendon leaves on Wednesday next for Camrose, Alberta. His departure from Brantford military and social circles will be looked upon with general regret.—Brantford (Ont.) Expositor.

Miss Ferris of Edmonton, sister of George S. Ferris, accompanied him on his return from Edmonton last Friday.—Nanton News.

The Birmingham Post's special correspondent at Montreal cables that it has been "practically determined to appoint G. B. Girdlestone, manager of the Bristol docks, as harbor engineer at Montreal." Mr. Girdlestone, speaking to the Canadian Associated Press, said: "It is quite baseless; I am general manager of docks and not an engineer." Mr. Girdlestone was a visitor to Albertan cities last summer.

Rev. Dr. E. D. Maclaren, superintendent of Presbyterian home missions, was in Edmonton at the first of the week.

J. H. Wood and B. Gyto of Athabasca Landing are in Edmonton.

L. Jobin of Lesser Slave Lake is staying at the Cecil.

F. C. Lowes, the well-known Calgary real estate and insurance agent, was taken suddenly ill at the Royal Alexandra in Winnipeg, while returning from New York.

F. S. Lawrence, one of the pioneers of the Peace River, came in from his home at Fort Vermilion on Saturday and is going on to eastern American cities.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Taylor have returned from the coast. While away Mr. Taylor visited Prince Rupert and is much impressed with the general desirability of the situation of the G. T. P. Terminus.

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Paynter, incorporated accountants, 6 Wardrobe Place, Doctors' Commons, London, E. C., has joined the staff of the Northern Bank, Edmonton.

Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Baetz entertained about fifty of the young people of Fort Saskatchewan at the Manse recently. The evening was spent most enjoyably in games and music.

Mrs. A. B. Turner and two children arrived from Vancouver on Friday and are at the Pendennis.

Mr. Turner is the new manager of J. Y. Griffin & Co.

Ralph V. Bellamy, Rhodes scholar at the University of Oxford, has been recently granted a diploma in economics with distinction.

George Manuel of Edmonton was introduced on the stock exchange in Montreal, while in that city on his way to New York.

With the Investor

In the reproductions from its file of 20 years ago, the Winnipeg Free Press had the following the other day: "A sale of lots on the Hudson's Bay reserve, Edmonton, was held last week. Corner lots brought \$120, others \$100.

Considering the cold weather that lasted throughout January, the record of Edmonton's building permits for the month was remarkable, totalling \$127,135, as compared with \$12,418 in 1906. The ten million dollar year has certainly started bravely.

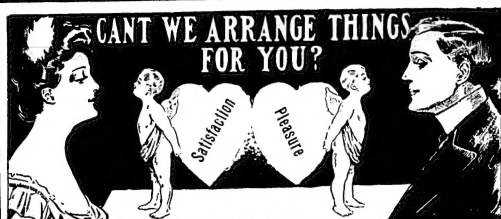
The two lots at the corner of Rice and Howard, occupied by Dr. Whitelaw's former residence and the premises of the Edmonton Printing & Publishing Co. have been sold for \$10,000. In December Herbert Bowen bought them for \$30,000 and earlier in the year George Hutton purchased them from Dr. Whitelaw for \$20,000.

A lot next to Brown's photographic studio on Jasper avenue, a block and a half east of the Alberta hotel, was sold for \$100 a foot.

The unsold portions of Delton, adjacent to the site of the G. T. P. have been sold by E. D. Grierson for a figure in advance of \$100,000. They are being put on the market by Mountfield & Graves.

A rumor to the effect that a change in the site of the parliament buildings was contemplated has been officially denied.

At the railway committee in Ottawa last week a bill to incorporate the Saskatchewan Valley and Hudson's Bay railway company, was passed. The head office of the



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company will be at Edmonton. The incorporators ask to build from Edmonton northerly and easterly following the bank of the north Saskatchewan river to Smoky Lake, thence easterly to Pelican lake, and then northerly to Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay, from Smoky Lake to Lacrosse lake. The capital was increased from one to one and a half millions.

Messrs Giddings and Bookhart, formerly in the employ of the Cushing Company, left on Tuesday to establish a sawmill near the junction of the Paddle and Pembina rivers. It will be an extensive establishment.

Real estate in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat is showing much activity. V. S. Sheppard and Co. of Calgary have bought through the C. B. Bowman agency 170 acres, immediately to the south of the former city, known as the Alexander sub-division and are putting a considerable number of lots on the

market. In Medicine Hat H. L. Tweed has purchased the interest which H. W. Ireland and J. Keohane held in the eleven track lots south of the C.P.R. down by the stock yards. Mr. Tweed was the third member of the syndicate and now controls the entire property. It is understood the deal was closed on a valuation of a thousand dollars a lot for the eleven lots. The Merchants Bank and the Commerce have each been trying to secure the Cypress Club property in order to erect new bank buildings thereon but the club authorities have decided not to sell.

Word reached the city on Wednesday of the total destruction by fire that morning of Kirkpatrick's general store at Chipman. The post office was located in the building.

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Sunny Alberta

The Calgary council has agreed to the Alexander & Budd power proposition. At the last meeting it was moved by Ald. McMillan and seconded by Ald. Reilly: "That the city of Calgary allow the Budd & Alexander company to enter the city and supply power to the corporation of the city at a maximum rate of \$24 per horse power per year, and to private citizens at a maximum rate of \$30 per horse power per year, and that an agreement be entered into allowing the said company the use of the city streets for that purpose." This motion was carried by a vote of six to four, the dissenting aldermen being Ald. Mitchell, Graves, Clarke and Watson. Those favoring were Mayor Cameron, Ald. McMillan, Sutor, Manarey, Moodie and Reilly.

A. J. Samis defeated J. E. Ruttle in the aldermanic bye-election in Calgary by 206 to 184.

The charge against A. D. McKenzie of Penhold, of misappropriation of trust funds was dismissed on Monday of last week, Mr. McKenzie having paid over to A. F. Neilson, of Great Falls, now of Red Deer, the balance of the money claimed by the latter.

Vermilion is rejoicing over the prospect of the immediate establishment of a land office in that town. Hon. Frank Oliver having sent a letter to the secretary of the board of trade announcing the government's intention. The agent is to be Harry Bowtell.

Plans are being secured for a four room school with basement and third-storey assembly room, in Vermilion. This step is a result of the visit of Rev. A. R. Aldridge and P. G. Pilkie to the trustees' convention at Edmonton.

A board of trade has been organized at Nanton with George S. Ferris as secretary-treasurer.

At the annual meeting of the Red Deer Liberal association, president Smith announced that Hon. Mr. Cushing would be in town in a few weeks to select a site for a new courthouse. These officers were chosen for the coming year: President, G. W. Smith; 1st vice-president, Henry Jamieson; 2nd vice-president, F. S. Simpson; secretary-treasurer, J. J. Gaetz; executive, J. R. Cowell, Hugh Clark, H. G. Stone, J. Carlyle Moore, W. L. Ouimette, E. S. Hogg, F. W. Galbraith.

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About Town.

The contract for the Alexander Taylor School in the east end, which will be a duplicate of that on MacKay Avenue, where the Legislature is in Session, has been let to R. J. Manson, the price being in the neighbourhood of \$10,000.

A meeting for the organization of a historical society will be held at the Prince Arthur Cafe on Monday at 8 p.m.

The dispute between Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan in respect to the charges for telephones resulted in the service in the latter town being shut off for a day last week. A request for a reduction to \$15 and \$10 was made, to which Edmonton would not accede. A temporary arrangement was finally made and negotiations for a permanent settlement are in progress.

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triumph. It will have a majority of from six to ten over both Liberals and Socialists. Mr. McBride was dependent on the latter for his majority in the last Legislature, and doubtless feels very much relieved on being freed from the necessity of an alliance, which at times proved very embarrassing. Every effort was made by the Liberals, supported strongly from Ottawa, to defeat the Government. Mr. McInnes resigned his highly lucrative position as governor of the Yukon to act as lieutenant to the opposition leader, Mr. Macdonald. He ran in Victoria and went down to defeat. Will he now be reappointed to the governorship? Public offices have been vacated and refilled in this way before in order to allow a man to run for parliament but the principle is a bad one. Mr. McBride has given stability to the affairs of the province, after practical anarchy had brought British Columbia almost to a point of ruin, and his success is doubtless due for the most part to anxiety on the part of the people lest the former condition of things should return. The Liberals raised a scandal issue, particularly in connection with the deal for the transfer of Kaien Island to the Grand Trunk Pacific, but the charges that were made were evidently not credited. If they could be proven, some of the leaders of the Conservative party should be in penitentiary not in charge of the treasury.

Two events of importance marked the present week's proceedings at the Legislature. The attorney-general introduced and explained the provisions of his bill creating a high court of justice and district courts for the province, while the minister of public works moved his resolution calling for a commission to enquire into the relations of capital and labor. Hon. Mr. Cross' measure bears evidence of careful preparation, and should afford much more expeditious methods of litigation than those at present in force. It abolishes the old court of the North-west Territories, which has till now done all the judicial work, so far as Alberta is concerned. The system of handling all actions, large and small, before the one tribunal has resulted in the congestion of business and in the accumulation of costs in small cases completely out of accord with their importance. Provision is therefore made for five high court and five district court judges. The latter are to have jurisdiction in all matters up to \$400. In Ontario county courts cannot try certain cases, such as libel, slander and malicious prosecution. No such exception is to be made in the district courts of Alberta. There is to be one for each judicial district of the province. But it is possible

that all will not be appointed at once as provision is made whereby not only one district judge may act for another but a judge of the high court may act as a district judge. Till all ten are appointed, it is therefore not likely that any attempt will be made to concentrate the high court judges at the capital, as is done in other provinces. No hint was given in the attorney-general's speech as to whether this would be done or not. The district court judge is to act as judge of the district criminal court, which will have power to try all classes of criminal cases where the accused consents to be tried without a jury. All pending actions are transferred to these newly-constituted courts.

Two important provisions are that which allows the High Court judges to relieve a mortgagor from the effect of nonpayment of principal and interest by his paying the arrears that are due with lawful costs and charges and that by which the judges can prevent the defendant in an alimony action from disposing of his property so that the wife cannot realise on her claim.

The Attorney-general's speech in bringing the measure to the attention of the House was a very lucid one, and the general opinion is decidedly favorable to the changes that have been made.

The importance of the step, taken on the initiative of Mr. Cushing, no one will be disposed to deny. Legislation along these lines is necessary and the most complete information should be obtained for the guidance of the House.

The city has decided to amend its policy in regard to the C. P. R. entrance by offering to pay the railway \$25,000 in lieu of being saddled with property damage in connection with the construction

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Nurse (to fond mother of celebrated musical prodigy)—"Please, Mum, is Master Willy to 'ave 'is morning sleep, or go on wiv 'is Sixteenth Sympherny?"—Punch.



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R. B. Bennett of Calgary delivered a temperance lecture in the Methodist church, Red Deer, last week. "The lecture was good" says a Red Deer despatch.

A banquet, at which 50 guests sat down, was tendered P. E. Lessard of Edmonton on his recent visit to Athabasca landing. Mr. Perron presided. "Welcome to the president of the Liberal club of Alberta" was a motto on the wall. Mr. Lessard in his address painted a glowing picture of the future in store for the Landing, with its picturesque site and the fertile country all about. He assured his hearers that in eight months the town would have a railway. He eulogized the member for the riding, Mr. Boyle, and suggested the formation of a Board of Trade. J. L. Lessard gave several excellent songs, Romeo Farrell acting as accompanist. Towards the close of the proceedings three hearty cheers were given for Isaac Gagnon, whom Mr. Perron described as "the King of the north." Among those present were James Wood, W. McRae, R. Vance, John Russell, J. Loiseau, M. Kernan, Dr. Boulanger, Charles Hilder, H. L. Reid, John Seath, T. B. Birk, J. Gagnon, Cleo. Major.

On Feb. 13 the ratayers of Camrose will vote on the raising of \$10,000 to provide a system of fire protection, also \$2,500 to complete the \$7,500 school building in the course of erection. Owing to the inability of the C. P. R. to handle live stock for shipment, Camrose stock buyers were compelled to slaughter 200 hogs.

Smith & Gaetz propose to erect a fine business block in Red Deer on their property near the Staples Co. lumber yard.

The Penhold rifle club held their annual banquet recently at the Imperial hotel in that town. Capt. Carswell, in withdrawing from the club, having moved to Red Deer, reviewed the history of the club and dwelt at some length on the usefulness of rifle clubs as auxiliaries to the regular forces in national defence. He doubted if there was a larger or more up to date association in the Dominion for the opportunities they have had, than that of Penhold. Charles Wilson, the president, was in the chair.

E. T. Jacobs has been granted a wholesale liquor license at Daysland.

W. B. Sherman, manager of the Lyric theatre, Calgary, has secured ninety feet on the north side of Ninth avenue. Upon this property he proposes to put up a large theatre.

Calgary has been burdened the last few years and particularly during the last few months with a large number of consumptives coming there from eastern Canada. They come there usually with a small amount of money and are unable to work. The result is that they are soon on the hands of the city. They also find great difficulty in getting accommodation. Many heartrending cases are reported every day. At the last meeting of the board of trade a resolution was passed calling upon the Dominion government to establish a sanitarium some place in the mountains where a cure can be effected in the best form.

While C. Silk, jr., was riding

north of Stirling he came across three very fine deer, which he ran into town. He caught one by throwing a rope over it from his horse. It is reported that between Taber and Grassy Lake these little animals abound in great numbers.

The Jordan Hill school near Leduc was totally destroyed by fire on Jan. 24th. The blaze is thought to have started from the furnace.

Fort Saskatchewan is making an effort to secure the location of a customs officer at that point.

While operating at the Coal and Coke Company in Coleman, three miners struck a gas pocket and were badly burned about the face.

The Frank Gynnasium Club held a most successful masquerade ball in the opera house there last week.

Charles A. Webster, who had lived alone on his ranch, south of Ponoka, for about six years, was found in bed in a state of collapse by a neighbor on Jan. 25. Before the doctor arrived life was extinct. At an inquest which followed it was decided that death was due to carbolic acid poisoning, though it was not determined whether the poison had been taken accidentally or otherwise. Mr. Webster was 70 years of age.

W. E. Simmons whose death took place in the hospital at Edmonton recently, came from Iowa three years ago and took up a homestead near Ponoka.

R. A. Brocklebank, candidate for the Calgary mayoralty in December, was charged with assault in police court last week and bound over to keep the peace.

William Kerr, an A. R. & I. official and an old-timer of Lethbridge is dead.

Sheriff VanWart is the new president of the Calgary board of trade.

Calgary post office clerks have asked for an advance of \$18 a month in their salaries owing to the increased cost of living.

The Hillcrest mine in the Crow's Nest has suspended operations, presumably for the winter, and manager Hill has gone to Ottawa. The car shortage is said to be responsible for the management's action.

The merchants of the Crow's Nest towns are taking steps to abolish the credit system of doing business altogether.

Lacombe's secretary - treasurer is a serious rival to Pooh Bah. T. C. King was chosen at the last council meeting at a salary of \$500 per year. In addition to the duties comprehended in his title he is, according to the Advertiser, to be "building inspector, inspector of all chimneys and superintend the construction of all town building, such as sidewalks, etc."

W. C. Cowell, deputy land agent at Red Deer, has been summoned to Ottawa to confer regarding the new Lands Act.

Rev. J. E. Hogg of Wetaskiwin writes as follows to the Red Deer Advocate: "Referring to a paragraph which appeared in the Advocate of September 21st, 1906, and which is as follows: 'We are in formed just when going to press that at the meeting of the Presbytery held in this district, this week, Mr. A. D. McKenzie took action to have Mr. Henry Jamieson of

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Red Deer expelled. The charge was referred to a committee." We wish to state that at a meeting of Red Deer Presbytery held at Red Deer on Nov. 8th, 1906, the case of Mr. McKenzie against Mr. Jamieson was dismissed."

Paul Paradis is laying out a town site 55 miles east of Didsbury. Mr. Truchot, who has large interests

in the district, is now in France and intends to bring out 400 French families in the spring to settle there.

In the second trial of the case of Hanson against the C. P. R. for the loss of a leg, sustained through falling in front of a train at Red Deer, a verdict of \$6,500 damages was given.

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The Weather.

Talk about the weather is a proverbial sign of weakness. His friends smile when the young man, who has been invited out to spend the evening, moves uneasily about in his seat and introduces the perennial topic. The old inhabitant who compares this year's heat or cold with that of forty years ago is known to be approaching his dotage. The person who spends his time considering this and that sign of a meteorological disturbance is the worst of bores. It is accordingly with a certain amount of trepidation that the Saturday News ventures to devote an article to the subject.

"Let us forget it—or do what we can to forget it," says one reader. What's the use of making things worse by discussing it in your newspaper?

"Here, I haven't said a word about the cold in my letters east," exclaims a fair subscriber "for fear of discouraging immigration, and why should I be loyal, if you, who can do so much more harm, are not?"

Nevertheless we feel called upon to say something. What prompts us to do so is an article in an eastern paper. It is headed "Canadian Pluck" and appeared recently in the London Advertiser. It cannot be given too wide circulation and here it is in full:

"Comment us to the Canadian western settler for courage and optimism. He has been passing through the severest winter in a quarter of a century, but he refuses to share the depression of the thermometer. In the almost daily snowfall he finds the blissful assurance of a good crop.

"Never has there been a hard winter, with plenty of snow, it is pointed out, that has not been followed by a bumper harvest.

"Here's to the hardy settler of the West, and may his highest hopes be realized in the autumn of 1907! He deserves it all."

The truth of what the Advertiser says no one can deny and after all the depreciating references to this part of the Dominion which have been made of late by eastern journals, the article is particularly refreshing. We have had a tremendously cold winter and there is no use denying it. But this is not what we have to expect from year to year and the suffering that has been experienced has been due for the most part to the labor disturbances which cut down the available supply of coal and the failure of capital to develop our mineral resources at a rate in keeping with the growth of population. The conditions are quite transitory and it is safe to say that no matter when we have a repetition of such a severe winter as the present, similar hardships will never again be felt.

But, granting these unfortunate circumstances, how many people do you hear complaining?

Has anyone noticed any general desire on the part of those who have been citizens of the prairie

provinces this winter to return to their former homes? It would take more than the weather through which they have passed to cool their enthusiasm for the new land and the new life to which they have come.

Granted that ten below zero is preferable to 40 below, who would not have the latter and a clear, crisp, health-giving atmosphere rather than the dampness and the slush that are a characteristic of the winter in other parts of the continent? Or to compare the West with countries where severe cold is unknown, who would not sooner stand a chance with forty below than with yellow fever or earthquakes or tropical pests? The truth is that we have no place in this part of the world for those who cannot put up with what we have been passing through. It is our pride that our men are mostly men. We have no use for weaklings and we cannot let the fact be too widely known.

To come down from generalities, it is worth while pointing out in this connection that the prospects for the coming season, with weather conditions as at present, are excellent. Richard Waugh writes as follows in the Winnipeg Free Press:

The snowfall of the present winter has been early and abundant, and in nearly every district of the Canadian west, and like most things in human experience has brought both good and evil—in general much more good than evil.

Last fall, in Manitoba more particularly, was exceptionally dry, so dry in fact that stiff clay lands were not fit for plowing, and had to be left untouched. The harvest on all lands recently farmed had been fairly abundant, and the weather specially favorable for investing work, but the land has seldom been so dry at the windup of the season as it was in November last. Frost had only got a slight hold when we had a heavy fall of wet snow, that lay where it fell, and will stay there till it melts in the spring, thus ensuring the necessary amount of soil moisture to produce free and general germination of all seed sown. In this respect our spring outlook is exceptionally favorable.

Enough snow has fallen since to go far in filling our sloughs, and the same wet snow that enriched our arable land has also provided moisture enough to ensure early and abundant pasture and a good start for a hay crop.

Taken altogether the spring of 1907 is bound to see our crops, both of grain and grass make a very favorable start. It is to be hoped that there will not be between now and April a premature spell of spring weather, for it is always most profitable to have our winters all of one piece, and not coming to a close in dragging detachments.

About Town

The court at Red Deer had to be adjourned from Tuesday to Wednesday last week over the non-arrival of the prisoners from Edmonton. William Jardine, charged with assault, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary with 20 lashes. This will probably be the first case of the infliction of the latter punishment at the Alberta institution.

The coal dealers of Edmonton are making formal complaint to the railway commission in regard to the necessity under which they are placed of furnishing doors or boards for the interior of the doorway of cars given them to load and ship coal in. Grain dealers, they claim, are furnished with "grain doors" and they consider they are entitled to similar treatment.

An excellent lecture on industrial and social conditions in New Zealand was given under the auspices of the Trades and Labor

Council at Rennie's academy on Monday night by John McKeague, a visitor from that colony. He is a journalist of repute in Christchurch and the picture which he gave of life under the Southern Cross made a deep impression on his hearers.

Colin Fraser, the veteran fur trader, reached the city last week, bringing with him 387 martin skins and 20 silver fox, which he has disposed of a Winnipeg firm for \$9,532. He has also nine Arctic fox furs, which he values at \$15 each. He returns north in April.

A most successful carnival was held at the rink in Strathcona last Saturday night.

R. P. Lewis is the new leader of the Government in Strathcona's mock parliament, with Mr. McKeenricher at the head of the Opposition. The members of the Cabinet are: Minister of Justice, F. P. Hunt; Minister of Interior, J. A. Atkins; Min. of Finance, W. Fraser; Sec. of State, R. Campbell; Min. of Railways, G. Fred McNally; Min. of Militia, J. R. Dunn; Min. Marine and Fisheries, J. D. Somers; Post Master General, Dan Currie; Min. of Labor, J. O. Lewis; Min. of Public Works, H. S. Denmark; Min. of Agriculture, Jno. Forsythe.

John Smigourouski is charged with forging a cheque for \$800 in the name of W. E. Ranson of the Bush mine, where the prisoner had been employed. It was presented at John I. Mills' in payment for an other cap, which cost \$45, that amount in change being given.

Victor Chamoux is being treated in the public hospital for a compound fracture in his leg just below the knee due to a kick from a horse.

The Strathcona Council intends to offer prizes for hospital plans. The Walter site has been accepted and it is proposed to erect a building that will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

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IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD



Winter sports are almost at a standstill in Northern Alberta just at present and apart from a few hockey contests of purely local interest, this seems to be the case throughout the whole province. The Edmonton-Strathcona hockey games proved very one-sided and there was nothing to fall back upon in the way of senior contests. To make matters worse Capt. Powers of Edmonton was taken ill and had to go to the hospital. The city league hasn't turned out to be all that was expected of it, though the intermediates last week sprang a surprise by defeating the bankers by 5 to 3. The finals between the winners of the two groups should arouse a little interest.

Edmonton curlers have, of course taken a season off and apart from an occasional game on another town's rink, the enthusiasts have been altogether idle. Another year, however, they hope to be housed in quarters of their own and to make up for their present inactivity.

Though the weather has not been particularly suggestive of summer sports, there has been so much baseball talk in the air in the last few weeks that one would expect the thermometer to be affected by it. Each of the four clubs in the league has a winning team. They always have at this time of the year. Seriously speaking, however, the various managements seem to have picked out remarkably good men and the baseball season that opens in May should mark a new era in athletics in this part of the west. Out-and-out professionalism always finds warmer supporters than professionalism that parades in an amateur cloak and the people are expecting much from the new league. An important development going on in the east is the organization of professional hockey teams in all the larger centres and next year professional hockey promises to be as firmly established as professional baseball.

John W. Morrison of Calumet, who was considered the best manager in the Northern-Copper league last year, has been finally landed by Lethbridge and that city is expecting big things from him.

The Caledonian football club of Calgary will go east in the spring to play for the Canadian championship. The People, a well-known London, Eng., publication, has presented a shield for competition. Dr. Ings, the Caledonian president, has expressed himself as very hopeful that an Albertan football league will be organized. This is good news and it will do much for the game. The hockeyists, the lacrosse players and the cricketers

should make a move in a similar direction.

The death is announced at Barrie, Ont., of Nicholas Dymont, the well-known horseman and lumberman. This is the second death within a year among the great figures of the Canadian turf, the first being William Hendry of Hamilton. Mr. Dymont was one of the finest types of sportsmen the country ever possessed. He raced his horses for the pure love of it and always stood for what was best in affairs of the turf. For years he entered his horses in the King's and Queen's Plates without success and finally when he landed the coveted trophy in two successive years with Thessalon and Sapper, his victories were as popular as any that have ever been achieved at the Woodbine.

On Wednesday night at Calgary, Strathcona seniors succeeded in defeating the club of that city by 4 to 1. This and the defeat of the Revillon team the same night by the Strathcona intermediates, the score being very decisive, 11 to 4, should put new life into the enthusiasts across the river.

COVER POINT.

Dr. D. J. Goggin, former superintendent of education for the Northwest, and now of Toronto, paid a business visit to Edmonton during the week.

BORN

Christie—At Strathcona on January 28th to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Christie, a daughter.

Combes—On January 22nd at the "Roland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, to Mr. and Mrs. Combes, a daughter.

Lambert—To Mr. and Mrs. Leger Lambert, St. Albert, a son, who has received the name of Francois de Salle.

MARRIED

Case—McConnell—At the Methodist Parsonage, Strathcona, June 30th by Rev. T. J. Johnston, M. A., B. D., Colin Case, of Edmonton, and Miss Lucy McConnell of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Bassett—Hope—On Jan. 30th by Rev. A. S. Tuttle, Miss Marie Hope to Harold Bassett of the Edmonton postoffice, both formerly of Quebec.

Dempsey—Dorrington—In Uxbridge on Jan. 3rd, by Rev. H. Harper, assisted by Rev. J. R. Fraser, James H. Dempsey, of Red Deer, Alberta, to Annie E. Dorrington, of Uxbridge.

Kidner—Johnson—At the rectory of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer, by Rev. Canon Hinchcliffe, on Tuesday, January 22nd, Jacob Abner Kidner to Miss Hilda Regina Johnson, both of Red Deer.

DIED

Whillams—On Jan. 29 at Tofield, Mrs. R. Whillams, mother of R. W. Whillams of the staff of the Edmonton Jott nal.

Crawford.—At Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, on Feb. 4th, the wife of H. H. Crawford, of Strathcona, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Redman, whose home is ten miles east of Leduc.

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So likely to endure the chill, corroding blasts of time?

My quarrel's not with Riley—I think that he is great—

But with the bards that feebly try his work to imitate

And think they have a masterpiece if it should but contain

Some platitudinous commonplace and obvious refrain.

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With "Keep-a-Smilin'" verse, written by some doleful bard,

Whose bargain rate is just about one-forty-nine a yard.

"When Sunshine is a Shinin' What's the use to mope and fret?"

"The things We Don't Remember Are the Things That We Forget."

"We Wouldn't Have No Rainbow if We Didn't Have No Rain!"

Or any other commonplace and obvious refrain.

Parnassus is macadamized; they've proved the road to Fame.

Jump on a rented Pegasus—you'll find him very tame.

"The Man Who Never Worries is the man who gets along."

"When Trouble Comes to Bother You Just Sing a Little Song."

"The Man Who Makes You Huckle is the Man Who's Just ahead."

"The People Who are Living Ain't the People who are Dead."

O hardlets of the magazines, a word of warning plain

To ye that write the Commonplace and Obvious: Refrain!

—Franklin P. Adams, in the Reader.

"You are always talking about the 'charm' of Western life

writes an Eastern man what do you mean?"

"What do I mean?" Candidly I have never taken the trouble to analyze.

Wonder if the lord of creation who desires the information could describe some of his inane remarks to my complete satisfaction, if I struck him as off-handedly!

Come to think of it, though, I think I should describe the charm of life in the West, as its complete naturalness, its spontaneity, its fascination of varied newnesses.

The land itself is first of all such a wonderful one. Where in the East you have one aspect of nature pretty much of a sameness throughout, here in the west we seem to have everything. Mountains and lakes and rivers of surpassing beauty—prairies the like of which you couldn't duplicate the world over, and a climate containing the microbes of "the joy of living" in such numbers, that unless you are a fossilized old mummy, you can

never hope to remain immune from their infection.

They say in the East that Westerners are braggarts. Why shouldn't they be, who have more right?

One comes to a place like Edmonton not to find what may be had in the Federal capital, but to see real life, unspoiled by the tiresome cosmopolitanism of the times, which reduces everything to a tedious sameness. What is more wearisome than a society whose members are over-cultivated? Time comes when the "nice people" bore, when "culture" drives to desperation. These very charming people all talk alike. You press the right button and get the conventional article of conversation.

After a siege of life in over-polite surroundings you hanker for the roughness of existence, for the plain sort of humanity, leading the natural and provincial life. So it comes about that to look upon a sturdy Indian, his mental horizon no wider than his native valley, is refreshing. He is as sound as an apple, and as honest, in comparison with the white man, as a rock.

This, my dear man, would be charm enough, but then in addition, we have the most delightful simplicity with regard to what we shall eat, and where bestow ourselves and our belongings. This the rooming houses and small flats, with the aid of excellent cafes and restaurants, solves for us. Take lodgings at some of the former and "dine out."

Half of Edmonton is leading this sort of existence to-day and flourishing on it. Think of the charm of such a scheme of things with no servant problem, no vexatious menus to arrange for, and all the other ills of life blotted out so far as you are concerned. You drop in to meals when you like, and no anxious house mother questions the hour. You study a bill-of fare whose various items are unknown beforehand; you chat with a different circle each meal, eat the best of viands and go home to comfortably heated rooms, or to your club, or whither you like, with no thought of a long-neglected furnace to haunt you. Devotees of the simple life would be enchanted.

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"It's funny," remarked Sandy Bowen, "how politics and love are so much alike. For instance, if you meet a bonnie girl and she gives you half a chance to kiss her, you go in for Free Trade. However, after you get married, and your wife's mother wants to embrace her newly-acquired son-in-law, you go in for Protection. If your wife seeks an osculatory ex-

change you in time become a Passive Resister, and—"

"She turns out a Home Ruler if she has any sense," remarked Mrs. Bowen, who happened to overhear the conversation.

"I'm anxious to get the names of all present," said the reporter. "Will you oblige me—"

"Oh!" said the meek little man, "you may put down 'Mrs. Henry Peck and husband.'"

"You mean Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peck, don't you?"

"I would prefer that," he replied, with a furtive glance over his shoulder; "but for goodness' sake don't say I gave it to you that way."

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UNDER WHICH BANNER?

A great deal has been said and written about the controversy between the two farmers' associations in Alberta, involving a division of activity which should not, and which the Saturday News firmly believes will not, exist for long. From the day of its inception, this paper has given close attention to the matters in dispute, believing that their proper settlement was of very great consequence to the agriculturists of Alberta and to the province generally. It had absolutely no prejudices in favor of either society. It had as much to gain from the friendship and support of the members of one as of the other. But it soon came to the conclusion that it was the duty of the farmers of the province to rally to the support of the Alberta Farmers' Association and it urged them to do so. At its recent convention in Calgary the association decided to appoint an official organ, through which its members could keep in touch with one another, and it did the Saturday News the honor of selecting it for the discharge of that duty. While the association's action has in no way affected the independence of this newspaper and it is still in a position to do and say exactly what it pleases, there are doubtless those who think that in what it says regarding the relations of the two organizations it is merely stating one side of the case. But there are other journals, which have no official connection with the A. F. A. whatever, and which have taken and are still taking quite as decided a stand in respect to the controversy as the Saturday News. A few weeks ago, a lengthy quotation from an article in the Farmer's Advocate was quoted in this department in which the stand of the A. F. A. was thoroughly upheld, while in its last week's issue, the Nor' West Farmer, comes out quite as strongly.

Answering an organizer of the Society of Equity, Mr. Boerma, of North Battleford, the Nor' West Farmer says:

"These two farmers organizations are now working in Alberta, not in the spirit of co-operation, but rather of competition, or, we might almost say, hostility; and as was pointed out in our report of the Lacombe convention, that appeared in our issue of Nov. 6th, there seems to be little likelihood of their striking common ground. For many reasons this is regrettable, for we believe as strongly as does our correspondent that 'in union there is strength'; but as we do not have union in this case, it is well that everyone should have a clear understanding of the points of difference between the two organizations, so that they can judge intelligently which is the most worthy of their support."

"Our correspondent congratulates the Canadian Society of Equity upon its firm stand against the proposal to make the amalgamated organization an exclusively Alberta Association, and lazes his arguments against the Alberta Farmers' Association on the assumption that its members, led by President Warner, are provincial and narrow in their views and see no advantage in co-operation or inter-course with outside organizations. This assumption is entirely unsubstantiated by the facts, and it is here that the case made out against the Alberta Farmers' Association by our correspondent breaks down. If he had been at the Lacombe convention and listened to the discussion of this question by members of the A. F. A., he would have had this erroneous idea immediately dispelled. At that time Mr. Warner and other members of the Association without exception expressed not only their willingness but their desire to co-operate with outside organizations in any way possible to further the farmers' interests, and it was even suggested that a Dominion Association be formed with the provincial societies as sub-associations. This surely does not look like provincialism."

"The Nor' West Farmer then goes to discuss at length the differences in regard to marketing principles of the two organizations. The concluding paragraph of its correspondent's letter states the positions well; the A. F. A. propose 'to secure every cent for their grain that market conditions warrant,' while the C. S. of L. say, 'our first and foremost object must be to alter market conditions.'"

"This policy of the Society of Equity the Nor' West Farmer carefully considers."

"The idea 'it says' is to estimate the output of farm produce the world over by accurate crop reports, and calculate what any particular article is worth at a given point, and then demand that price and accept nothing less. In other words, the farmers, rather than the dealers, are to estimate the value of their produce and fix the price. The scheme also involves regulating the world's output of farm produce so that the supply will not be too great and force the market down."

"The magnitude of such an undertaking is apparent to anyone, and so far as we are aware the results as yet have not been particularly reassuring. Wheat crops are being harvested in different parts of the world at almost every season of the year, and nobody can tell positively until the harvest is over what the yield will be. So it is in other lines. No farmer can tell until after harvest what his crop will yield, much less can he gauge and control the output of various foreign nations; the world's yield, from year to year, is largely in the hands of nature, and over her laws we have but limited control. Of course, the placing of a reduced average in an advertisement can afford a reasonable assurance that the yield would decrease; but as Canadian farmers are, in their export trade, largely in competition with foreign countries, the scheme of 'controlled marketing,' in order to be really effective in a large way, would need to be world wide. As to the feasibility of enlisting the farmers of the world in such a movement, we leave our readers to decide."

"In the meantime we may assume that aside from local monopolies and restrictions in commerce, the law of supply and demand will continue to be the controlling factor in the world's market prices. However, there is much to be done in helping the farmer secure for his produce all that market conditions really do warrant, and it is for farmers to decide if active, united effort along this line would not probably result in greater good than an attempt to alter market conditions by regulating the supply of the world's food-stuffs."

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serve.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

The third annual Alberta Provincial Fat Stock Show will be held in Calgary April 2, 3, 4, 5, under the auspices of the Alberta Department of Agriculture and the Alberta Cattle, Horse, Sheep, and Swine Breeders' Association. Thomas Daly is making a strong effort to have Edmonton district well represented at the Show."

It is expected that the experimental farm will be in full operation at Lethbridge by the spring. Mr. Fairfield, the director, announces that excursions will be run to the farm during the summer, so that farmers can note the progress of the various experiments. Part of the land is to be irrigated

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and part dry and the experiments on the two kinds of soil will be watched with the greatest interest.

There will be a meeting of the Central Alberta Stock Growers Association at Red Deer, Wednesday, February 27th, at 2 p.m. This meeting will be addressed by prominent railroad men, exporters, home buyers, legislators and bankers. The usual convention railroad rates will be in force.

The Raymond agricultural society has appointed a committee consisting of A. B. Scovil, A. Dahl, and L. Peterson, to investigate the elevator question and take up with the government the matter of better elevator accommodation.

The department of agriculture at Ottawa are establishing a scientific laboratory in Calgary for the purpose of enabling the farmer to have his seeds accurately analyzed as to quality and vitality. Quarters have been obtained in the Hull block and H. H. Millar, who has been connected with the work in Ottawa, has been placed in charge. The laboratory is in operation this week.

The British Columbia provincial election has held up the work of the beef commission for the time being. Till it was over, the government declined to appoint the representative of the province. Such a delay cannot be justified.

The grain commission has adjourned till June, when it will take up the export end of the grain business. Mr. Boyle was not able to be present at the recent sittings in Winnipeg, owing to his duties as a member of the Alberta Legislature.

The Secretary of the Vegreville branch of the A. F. A. writes under date of Jan. 26th:

The continuous cold weather and heavy roads were responsible for a small gathering at the meeting today. We were pleased to note that we had now an official organ. The Saturday News has always advocated the farmers' cause. Warwick branch has decided to throw in their lot with Vegreville and form one solid branch. With these energetic farmers added to our ranks there is no reason why we should not be 200 strong by next fall. We certainly approve of the new parcels post that will shortly be introduced. But we think it would be more creditable if the post master general would see to the present postal grievances instead of taking up fresh responsibilities. The question once more arose why the local market for grain had gone down; at Port Arthur and Winnipeg it had gone up. While I was on the street oats went up to 24½ cents, but as soon as I quit down they went to 23. I will be on deck again as soon as the weather breaks. The grain combine is being watched with deep interest by our members and it is regretted that one of that notorious body has an elevator here.

In so far as the elevator mo-

nopoly is concerned, in our judgment the time is approaching when, in view of the tremendous importance of the grain trade, and in order to insure that the farmer will get full benefit of his industry, it may become imperative that elevators in this province should be owned and operated by the government. This will be thoroughly discussed at our monster meeting to be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th.

Vegreville markets at the time of writing stood:

Wheat No. 2 Northern, 49c top price.

Oats, 23c.

Barley, 26c.

Hogs dressed, according to weight, 7c, 7½c, 8c.

No set price beef.

Butter, 25c.

Eggs, 35c.

The officers chosen by the Penhold branch of the A.F.A. are as follows: President, Arthur Hives; Vice President, A. D. McKenzie; Sec. Treas., E. Carswell; directors J. Richards, G. Dominey, W. McDonald, W. Whiteside, W. Kennings and J. Reeves.

The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association will hold their annual convention at Regina on February 20th and 21st and an invitation has been extended to the Alberta Farmers' Association to send a delegate. It was intended to hold the meeting at Saskatoon but the conditions of travel on that branch of the C.N.R. made a change necessary.

In the interests of the A.F.A. the secretaries of the local branches are urged to act as quickly as possible in sending in the subscriptions of their members to the Saturday News. As is apparent to all, the official organ cannot do its duty properly unless it goes regularly to all the members of the association. A large number of names have been sent in from many of the branches but others are as yet but slimly represented.

Thomas Moffatt of Cardston has disposed of the old Brown ranch to a purchaser from Great Falls, Montana. The sum of \$85,000 was turned over in the transaction, the price being in excess of \$15 an acre.

In his speech in seconding the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, J. B. Holden, M.P., said:—"There are within the limits of my constituency many ranchers. We have all read with deep regret of the serious losses which are being sustained by the ranchers along the Canadian Pacific owing to the unusually severe winter. The ranchers of the Vermilion district have assured me that they will lose practically nothing. They always provide for the cold weather by stacking up wild hay which is abundant, and although fires in the fall destroyed many of their stacks, they will have sufficient feed to last them through until the spring.

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when every farmer should make sure that the seed he intends sowing is of the best variety, that it is not mixed with inferior sorts, that it is free from noxious weeds, and that it will not only grow but grow vigorously. This he can easily do for himself or he can have it done for him with little trouble to himself and no expense. The Dominion Government has established a tub station for testing seeds at Cal-

gary. It is under the management of Mr. H. Miller who had four years experience in this kind of work at Ottawa. It was our good fortune when in Calgary recently to meet Mr. Miller, to see his laboratory and inspect the work he is doing. To say that he is careful and conscientious in his work is putting the matter mildly. His testing apparatus is complete in every way, and he gives to each

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patron a full report of the results of his tests. He would urge all farmers to put two or three hundred grains of seed in an envelope, address it to the Seed Testing Station, Calgary, put on a two cent stamp and mail without delay.

Seed fairs are now the order of the day. Thus far all have been successful considering the weather and most have been a pronounced success in spite of the weather. Yet it is surprising the number of persons, both farmers and business men, that we have met on fair day who knew nothing of it. This indicates a lack of advertising on the part of the manager or an indifference on the part of the farmer and business men. In such cities as Calgary and Edmonton which are now putting on metropolitan airs, a business man may be pardoned for endeavoring to appear indifferent to matters of this kind, but in the towns and villages of the provinces, whose very existence depends on the success of agriculture ignorance of what is going on in matters of this kind is hardly to be excused. We would suggest to the committees in charge of these seed fairs that they visit all the business men and bankers in their locality and explain the importance of these fairs and that they should urge their farmer customer to make exhibits and attend the lectures. If the speakers recommend something that cannot be carried out in practice, the farmers should turn out en masse and tell them so and request the government to send out some one with more practical ideas. It requires a great deal of personal canvassing to interest farmers in new undertakings of this kind, and a few hours spent on the street during the busiest part of the day talking to them about it will do much towards getting out a large exhibit.

The principal of schools of Didsbury is the right man in the right place. He realizes that if that district is to retain its present high rank among the farming settlements of the province, the rising generation will have to be taught to take an interest in agricultural affairs, and with this object in view he took the pupils of standard five to the seed fair, and permitted them to inspect the samples of grain and hear Mr. Mitchell's able address on the identification of weeds.

THE WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

The Grain Growers' Grain Co. writes from Winnipeg under date of Feb. 2:

Markets have scored an advance since last Saturday of 1 cent per bushel. The demand for all kinds of grain has been good. Foreign markets have shown a tendency to advance above our own, and o-day are much stronger than a week ago. Deliveries of wheat, oats and barley from interior points have fallen much short of previous years, which is accountable to a great extent by the severe storms and the snow blockade we have had throughout this western country. Our company have not received any shipments from Alberta points on C. N. R. these past two weeks and very few have arrived by C. P. R. either.

The market is no doubt in a strong position and we feel certain that the blockade just now existing, will not be altogether an evil, as in our opinion the market will be much higher than it is at present when navigation opens, so that farmers having to hold their grain at home will reap the benefit in the high price they will obtain in the spring.

No sales of Alberta grain have been made these last two weeks by our firm. Oats are commanding a good price, and the demand from eastern exporters and millers for this grain is good, with prices coming steadily higher each week. We think the demand for oats will continue and that the prices will be considerably higher in the spring than they are at the present time.

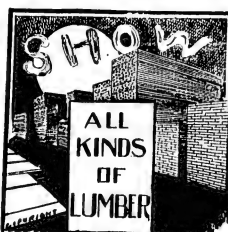
Following are values in store Port William and Port Arthur to-day: 1 Hard 75½, 1 Nor., 74, 2 Nor., 72, 3 Nor., 70, 1 Red Winter 74, 1 White Winter and 2 Red Winter 72, 2 White Winter 70, 1 White Oats 71½, 2 White Oats 74½, 3 Barley 42½. Rejected 1-1 hard 71, Rejected 1-1 Nor., 70½, Rej. 1-2 Nor., 67½, Rej. 1-3 Nor., 65½, Rej. 2-1 Nor., 68½, Rej. 2-2 Nor., 66½, Rej. 2-3 Nor., 63½, 1 Nor. Rej. for seeds 70, 2 Nor., Rej. for seeds 68.

The prices paid by the elevator at Innisfail for grain during the week ending February 4 are: Oats 21c., Barley 27c., Wheat 53c.

We are pleased to note the almost unanimous approval of the stand taken by the A. F. A. convention in favor of the government's taking some action to prevent a repetition of the present shortage in the fuel supply of the province. The opinion seems to be universal that a country in which the safe guarding of human life is deemed to be the first object of government, the only course open is to take some action in this important matter.

Mr. James Bower of Red Deer shipped a carload of oats last week to British Columbia, the contract price being 30 cents per bushel on board the car at Red Deer. Taking off the cost of bags, 10 cents each, leaves Mr. Bower 20½ cents per bushel for his oats. He has orders for two more cars but owing

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to condition of traffic could not get these.

During the past week Mr. W. F. Stevens, secretary of the A. F. A., has been in receipt of five applications from different parts of the province for the list of buyers of grain and produce in British Columbia.

An extensive rearrangement has been made of the business of Williamson Bros. A. H. Tate, R. G. Lowe and J. A. Netterfield, former employees of the firm, have bought the produce business, which is being conducted temporarily in the Opera House block. W. J. Williamson and M. S. Williamson have purchased the retail butcher business on Jasper Avenue east. The former owners, S. W. Williamson and R. T. Williamson, will in future conduct the wholesale meat business exclusively.

R. B. Chadwick, V. M. C. A. Secretary, is to conduct a series of studies of the Life of Paul in the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoons.

The C. N. R. has decided to change the daily to a tri-weekly service during the continuance of the cold weather.

Strathcona is having considerable trouble over the foundation for the engine at the electric light station, which it has been found is not secure enough to allow the engine to be operated with safety. To erect a new foundation, south of the present bed, would cost \$3000. A committee of the Council has reported that the Company installing the machinery can only be held responsible in that they might have advised the town officials regarding the foundations before they consented to install the engine.

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The class in English grammar had assembled in one of the school rooms of Edmonton. The teacher had been reading one of the latest books on pedagogical science. One suggestion which it made took her particular fancy. "For the purpose of illustration in grammar lessons," it said, "go outside the regular text books occasionally. Take something from a newspaper well-known to your scholars, from its editorial columns preferred." She thought the idea a good one and decided to act on it.

"Scholars," she said, "for our lesson this morning we shall analyze the leading editorial article in last night's Bulletin. The editorial column, I want to explain to you, is where the best writing is done in a newspaper, and I think it would be a good thing if children got into the habit of reading it. I am afraid that if I asked your parents, I would find the most of you boys only read the news of the sports and that the girls look over the social chit-chat. But that is not the way you grow up to be intelligent men and women and learn what good writing is. Let's see, the leading article in last night's paper was a rather short one. I had not noticed that before but it will serve our purpose just as well. Now Tommy Smith, please come up and copy it out on the blackboard."

Tommy did as he was told. The article read as follows:

"The man, the newspaper, or the thing, that says the hotel-keepers, or any hotelkeepers, subscribed to the Liberal campaign fund, or any Liberal Campaign fund, in the Gleichen election, or for the Gleichen election, is a liar and the truth is not in him."

"You see," began the teacher bravely, "it is sometimes necessary for editorial writers to express themselves in vigorous language. Here we have but one long sentence. We shall go on to examine it. Now Mary will you point out what the subject is?"

"The man, the newspaper, or the thing."

"This is a compound subject you see. Either a 'man' or a 'newspaper' or a 'thing' does or is what the rest of the sentence says. Will you point out the predicate, James?"

"Is a liar and the truth is not in him."

"Quite right." The man "is a liar." We all know that many men are. "The newspaper" "is a liar." True also, though one would think that the public press would be careful in view of its great responsibilities. "The thing"—yes, that is the way it reads—"the thing" "is a liar." Of course the construction of the sentence is all right. But how can a thing be a liar and be referred to as "him?" A thing, as you remember, we noticed yesterday, is an inanimate object and cannot lie because it cannot talk. And yet in the subordinate sentence we find that the "thing" "says." There surely must be a dreadful mistake.

"Please ma'am" interrupted a demure lass, "my sister says one of her chums is a sweet thing."

"And my brother" shouted one of the boys as soon as he could make himself heard, "says that Blomfield, the Thistle's rover, is the real thing."

"And Sal Adams" chimed in the tattle-tale, "said you were a mean old thing when you kept her in after school last night."

"How dare you children?" finally exclaimed the teacher, after she had succeeded in getting a grip on herself. "I know that the King's English is often corrupted. But you should remember that this

is serious writing that we are considering in a newspaper, owned by a minister of the Crown and referring to a subject of vast importance to the province of which we are so proud. I am afraid the trouble is that the example which we have taken for our lesson today is a trifle too advanced for this class. Instead of going further with it, you had better now get out your reader, Johnny Jones, and come up here and copy on the blackboard the first verse of

"Mabel, little Mabel."

"The Pacific express No. 97 was only 64 hours late yesterday" said the Calgary Albertan on Monday, evidently in all seriousness. This serves to recall the case of the traveller in the Southern States, who went to a station to enquire when he could get on to the next town. The train he had come in on the day before was away behind time.

"Well, how's today's train?" he asked the colored station master. "Seven and a half hours late, sah," was the reply.

The traveller looked after his baggage and was starting off up town again, when he heard a whistle and saw a train approaching.

He went up to the agent and angrily exclaimed, "I thought you said she was seven and a half hours late and here she come in."

"Why that's not to-day's train" was the reply, "that's yesterday's."

One of the real estate offices carrying a big advertisement in the Calgary papers is called "Uneda" Real Estate Office. I hadn't heard the people of any Albertan town or city complaining of the lack. Just at present I am inclined to think the people of Calgary would be glad to trade the whole of their assortment of real estate offices for one good coal mine.

The preparations for the Caledonian Society dinner at Vegreville, according to the Observer, were in the hands of "Chef Murphy." And yet they say it was a success.

One of the bridge whist clubs in

town, I see by the social column, has absolutely forbidden "post mortems." Cavendish, the famous whist expert, would have applauded this step. Whenever a partner said to him, "If you had done so-and-so, we'd have made so-and-so," always replied:

"Did you ever hear the story of your uncle and your aunt?"

"If the player had heard it, he would at once become silent, not wishing to hear it again. If he had not heard it, he would pause in his postmortem of the game and say:

"No. Tell it to me."

Then Cavendish would frown and say in a solemn voice:

"If your aunt had been a man, she would have been your uncle."

Fort Saskatchewan doubtless considers that it was worth being without telephone connection for a day or two last week to be described in an Edmonton daily's headlines as "a phoneless city."

An old woman was telling her domestic trials to the pastor, and enlarging upon the unkindness of her "old man."

The pastor, counselling patience and kindness on her part, asked:

"Have you tried heaping coals of fire on his head?"

"No, mister; but I've tried boiling water," was the answer.

A fond mother, hearing an unusual noise in the nursery overhead, hurried upstairs to find out what was the matter. She found Johnny sitting in the middle of the floor, quietly smiling.

"Oh," said he, "I've locked grandpa and Uncle Henry in the cupboard, and when they get a little angrier I am going to play Daniel in the lions' den."

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Musical Winnipeg is greatly interested in the discovery of a Caruso, who runs a restaurant on William avenue, and who has a splendid big voice, which some people are hopeful will develop with training into the equal of that which has made his great namesake famous. He is leaving this week for New York where he will interview some of the leading managers and teachers. If he receives encouragement, he will return to Italy to undergo a course of training. He is 26 years old and came to America four years ago. Town Topics tells how when Mr. Tees, manager of the Winnipeg Piano and Organ Co., who had become much interested in young Caruso was entertaining Mr. Warwick, the shrewd business manager of Etienne Girardot's company, who was playing at the Walker theatre, and his friends with some new artist gramophone records just received, young Caruso came in. Feeling that Mr. Warwick (who is intensely musical) would be interested in the case. Mr. Tees presented Augustino to the party, who urged the young man to sing. "M'appari" was selected, and the scene which followed will not soon be forgotten by those present. Standing directly in front of the horn of the instrument, young Caruso sang with the record, entering into the spirit of the song with a passionate intensity that made everyone feel they were in the presence of a coming star. "It was indeed a won-

derful duet," says Town Topics. Caruso, the seen and unseen! Loud and long was the applause that followed, and an encore was instantly demanded and granted. Mr. Warwick, who was intensely interested, questioned the young man closely, and was astonished to find that, outside of a few recent lessons from a local teacher, Caruso has had no musical training of any kind. Mr. Warwick praised the young man's voice very highly, gave him his New York address, and strongly advised him to go to that city immediately and place himself in proper hands.

"I am strongly impressed with young Caruso's voice," he said "and unless greatly mistaken, feel that it has great possibilities. If he will come to New York, I shall be pleased to personally introduce him to some of our leading teachers and operatic managers, who can tell him at once what the future has in store for him. We have a great Italian teacher in New York, and if he should take a fancy to Caruso, his musical success is undoubtedly assured".

STOCK JUDGING SCHOOL

The two-day Stock Judging Schools held throughout the Province during previous years having aroused a desire for fuller information, the Department of Agriculture, assisted by local organizations, has decided to hold more extended schools for the study of live stock, one of which will be held in

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Live animals will be brought into the class room for demonstration purposes and a corps of competent instructors will be in attendance at each meeting to give full instructions as to desirable and undesirable conformations of the various animals.

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SATURDAY—Swine, Block Test.

SECOND WEEK.

MONDAY—Dairy Cattle.

TUESDAY—Light Horses.

WEDNESDAY—Light and Heavy Horses.

THURSDAY—Heavy Horses.

FRIDAY—Judging Contest.

Two carloads of stock picked from the best in the Province will be used at the school for demonstration purposes. Besides this, the best animals locally will be secured.

An admission fee of One Dollar will be charged each regular student. This money will form a fund out of which prizes will be awarded to those doing the best work at the judging contest at the close of the school.

GEO. HARCOURT,
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The Mirror.

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HOME AND SOCIETY.

Dr., Mrs., and Miss Marjory Wilson, returned on Monday from a most enjoyable stay in Los Angeles, Cal., prior to which the doctor had had the benefit of a delightful voyage to Japan. I hear he is very much improved in health, and most enthusiastic over his trip.

Cards of invitation are out for a luncheon and two teas on Saturday, Mrs. Alan Fraser entertaining at luncheon for her guest, Miss Alice Pruney, who leaves shortly for her home in the east, and Mrs. Cecil E. Race and Mrs. Bruce Powley being the two hostesses of the afternoon functions.

The engagement is announced in Toronto of Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, of St. Paul's Church, Edmonton, to Miss Lucy King, of St. Catharines, Ont.

The charity ball in Strathcona on Thursday evening, in Walter's Hall, in aid of the hospital was a splendid success, more particulars of which I hope to give next week.

His Honor, the Lieut-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea entertained at dinner at Government House last Thursday and again on Tuesday. Those invited for Thursday being: Premier Rutherford, Hon. W. H. Cushing, Hon. J. A. Calder (Regina), Mr. Justice Scott, Mr. Justice Harvey, Hon. C. W. Fisher, Mayor Griesbach, Rev. Dr. Riddell, A. S. Rosenroll, M.P.P.; J. W. Woolf, M.P.P.; J. P. Marcellus, M.P.P.; H. W. McKenny, M.P.P.; A. J. Robertson, M.P.P.; Rev. Father Thevin and Mr. E. C. Bowker.

On Tuesday the guests were as follows: Hon. C. W. Cross, C. Hiebert, M.P.P.; John T. Moore, M.B.P.; J. R. Boyle, M.P.P.; W. F. Bredin, M.P.P.; E. H. Riley, M.P.P.; J. A. Simpson, M.P.P.; J. A. McPherson, M.P.P.; M. McKenzie, M.P.P.; Rev. A. S. Tuttle, H. A. St. George Gray, Esq.; J. H. Picard, Esq.; J. W. Morris, Esq.; Duncan Marshall, Esq., and W. J. Graves, Esq.

The Beaver House Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire and the members of the cast of "The Private Secretary" were most delightfully entertained by Mrs. Slocock last Thursday evening, six tables being engaged in the fine old game of progressive euchre. At midnight a delicious supper was served. Those who had the pleasure of being present being: Mr. and Mrs. Short, Mr. and Mrs. Norquay, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Hyndman, Mr. and Mrs. Barford, Dr. and Mrs. Barrow, Capt. and Mrs. Saunders, Dr. and Mrs. Ferris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Silas, Miss McCauley, Major Jamieson, Mr. Burley, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Manuel.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Blowsy was "at home" at the tea hour to a few friends, when those who were present spent an enjoyable hour amid the cheeriest surroundings. Mrs. Hardisty presided at the tea urn, Mrs. Cushing served the ices, and Mrs. Gray, Miss Bellamy and Miss McCaig passed the dainty refreshments.

The table was most artistically done in red and white; a tall cut glass vase of red carnations and fern nodding gracefully over a centre-piece of scarlet silk veiled in billowy white tulle and trailing smiles.

While the guests sipped their tea and exchanged the latest intelligence, Miss Wright, a charming young girl, who plays with notable expression, gave a number of warmly appreciated selections.

I regret more than I can possibly express, that as the result of a practical joke, which to say the least if it was in the most execrable taste, the announcement was made in these columns last week, of the marriage of Mr. Gifford of the Dominion Bank to an American girl. The news came to me in the best of faith, and I am only sorry that due to the lateness of the information I could not corroborate it before going to press. Mr. Gifford has been more than gentlemanly in accepting my sincere apologies, and I only hope that those who read the last week's announcement may also run across this explanation, and cease perpetuating a joke that reflects no possible credit on its perpetrator.

The sad death of Lady Victoria Grenfell, eldest daughter of His Excellency, Earl Grey, took place at Government House, Ottawa, on February the Fourth, and was the direct result of an attack of typhoid fever contracted while travelling in Mexico. Many loving messages of profound sympathy have found their way to both the Earl and Countess, and Ottawa generally will spend a sadder and a quieter Winter out of respect to the popular representatives of the King in Canada.

Word was received in Edmonton last week of the rather serious illness in Sherbrooke, Que., of Mrs. Woods, mother of Deputy-Attorney General Woods. Later telegrams announced that the breakdown was not as severe as was at first anticipated, and Miss Woods, who was at first preparing to go home, has decided to remain in Edmonton pending more definite word.

Mrs. Harcourt gave one of last week's numerous teas in honor of Mrs. W. T. Finlay and her sister-in-law. Mrs. J. R. Harcourt, looking very well indeed in an attractive blue frock with lace garniture and touches of pink.

Mrs. Finlay wore a handsome all-over lace bodice in a rich cream tone, and Mrs. J. R. Harcourt was gowned in a soft creation of white Louise, which was eminently becoming. The tea-table was most attractively arranged with a handsome tea cloth of Battenburg lace and a tall vase of lovely scarlet carnations. Mrs. E. B. Edwards and Mrs. Nicholls poured tea and coffee and Miss Alice McDougall was a bright young assistant.

The dance given by the young bachelors of Edmonton on Wednesday evening was another of those happy and successful events towards which we have come to look forward with the most pleasurable anticipation, and back on with a sigh that their joy should be so fleeting. That of Wednesday evening was perhaps as enjoyable an affair of the kind as has taken place since the season commenced. The floor of the salle de danse (Rennie's academy) was in perfect condition, Harpers orchestra supplied the music—and how well they did play to be sure—and pretty girls, lovely frocks, and handsome cavaliers were legion.

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What impressed me most of all was the number of visitors and new people present for the size of the event. Among these I noticed Madame Auguste Noel, looking perfectly stunning in a lovely creation of exquisite cream lace, pink chiffon, and silver sequins, over pink tulle, with a knot of pink flowers on the corsage, a spray of the same in her modish coiffure, and some handsome pearl and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Anderson, of High River, wore a pale blue figured organdie, with white lace berthe, and garnet necklace, a wreath of pink forget-me-nots in her hair, and was one of the most prettily graceful and attractive women in the room.

Mrs. Turnbull in a pretty gown of cream voile inset with lace medallions and lovely applique, was one of the popular partners, who looked remarkably well.

Mrs. Pardee wore a handsome cream lace robe, and brought the Misses Ger-

trude and Helen Hudspeth to the dance, the former in a dainty frock of pale pink organdie, trimmed with Val lace, Miss Helen looking decidedly pretty in pale blue silk organdie, the decolletee framed by pink roses, with a wreath of the same in her sunny wavy hair.

A noticeable feature of the evening was the number of black gowns in evidence. Of these Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson wore the most elaborate, a beautiful sequined robe cut in the latest fashion and wonderfully becoming to her dainty style of beauty. Mrs. Hishop in a black net made with triple flounced skirt; Miss Brunton in a lovely sequined robe with pink corals, were a trio who wore this popular shade who might be numbered among the belles of the ball. Miss Woods who has made so many friends since coming to town last Autumn, was looking her prettiest, in a shimmering gown of apple green silk, with the loveliest of lace on the decolletee. Dainty Mrs. Bob. Rob-

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erton wore a fetching gown of buttercup
silk, which set off her girlish face to per-
fection. Mrs. Robert Mays in the quaint-
est of frocks, a white net painted with
huge yellow roses, with triple flounced
skirt, rouchings of the material trim-
ing the bodice and heading the flounces,
and a handsome ostrich fan to cor-
respond, was a winsome partner, who chap-
eroned a jolly coterie of girls. Conspic-
uous among the younger matrons was
Mrs. Charlesworth who was a picture in
a Dresden silk frock, her lovely hair ar-
ranged in a veritable golden cornet on her
pretty shaped head. Mrs. Alan Fraser
in white point desprit, and Mrs. Hubbell
in champagne voile, were, as usual,
among the most sought after partners.

To discriminate among the bevy of
pretty animated girls, who danced the
night away on tireless feet, is a hard task.
Each in her own way was looking so
well, and apparently having such a delir-
iously happy time I could toss them each
a bouquet and not offend my conscience.
Miss Alice Pruyne never looked better,
her fluffy gown of figured cream silk net
exactly suiting her, and her attractive
and sweetly unaffected manner winning
her friends and partners everywhere.
Miss Jessie Lynch wore white desprit and
was constantly surrounded with insistent
partners. Miss Abby Sommerville had
on such a pretty new frock of white Swiss
muslin, the low neck being formed of
hand-made wheel ornaments, embroid-
ered in pink silk, the triple-flounced skirt
headed with the same, and a deep pink
silk girdle. Miss Grace Johnson in pink
net, over pink taffeta, with ruffles of the
same, and lovely little pink roses form-
ing the decolletee was greatly admired.
Miss Dorothy Sommerville wore a simple
girlish gown of white organdie with deep
pale blue velvet girdle and saucy blue
velvet roses outlining the low neck. Miss
Rose wore black and looked very well in-
deed. Miss Graves was a decidedly
pretty girl in delicate pink. Miss Sullivan
in yellow figured muslin, and a host of
others had each their share of admiration.
Strolling at the end of the ball room
and watching the merry round of dancers
go winding their way in and out, I
thought I had never seen a prettier sight
nor any number of people more genuinely
enjoying themselves.

Lewis, the new caterer, served the sup-
per, and while I didn't wait to judge of
its excellence I heard it was very good.

All too soon the hands of the clock
pointed to the hour when the last extra-
ordinary must be played, and reluc-
tantly the guests made their way to the
dressing rooms feeling that it was just too
bad that such an ideally enjoyable a
dance must ever have an ending.

Mr. John Sommerville Sr. leaves on
Saturday for Portland for the benefit of
his health, which has not been as robust
of late as his wide circle of friends could
wish.

Mr. Freddie McPhee, Mr. Harry McIl-
well and Mr. Berkley Bishop are ex-
pected back to town during the coming
week.

Invitations to the Speaker's dinner
were received by a large number of in-
vited guests early in the week. The af-
fair is to take place at the Prince Arthur
this Friday night, and is being eagerly
anticipated, a number of interesting
speeches being sure to be a feature of the
occasion.

A number of Edmonton young people
took in a charity ball in Strathcona on
Thursday night. One merry party I
heard of, who went over on the bus,
being made up of the Misses Abby, Viva
and Dorothy Sommerville, Miss Jessie
Lynch, Miss Pat Matheson, Miss Alice
Pruyne, Miss Gladys McLean, and the
messrs. Jack Landry, Harry Finn, Fred
Robertson, Russell Stinson and Bobby
Helferman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robertson
chaperoning.

Mrs. R. A. Robertson held her first
post-nuptial reception in her cosy little
flat at 121 Jasper Ave. west, on Thursday
and Friday afternoons, when shoals of
callers descended on the prettily-arranged
quarters, to welcome the bonny bride to
her new home. As the reception ex-
tended too late for me to adequately
chronicle, I shall have to postpone my
account until next week.

Mrs. M. J. Macleod, wife of the Deputy
Principal Treasurer, and a recent bride,
is holding her first reception since her
marriage, at her new home at 720 First
St., north, on Friday and Saturday after-
noons of this week.

Mrs. Harcourt, wife of the Deputy-
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Mrs. Holland Ross left on Tuesday for
a two weeks' visit to the coast.

The sessional visitors in town have
been the raison d'être of a large number
of social affairs since the opening, Mrs.
Rutherford, wife of the Premier, enter-
taining at luncheon one day last week
in honor of Mrs. Finlay, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs.
Walker and Mrs. Holden.

A recent acquisition to Edmonton cir-
cles, is the Hon. Mrs. Syngé, a charming
woman, who is a clever medical prac-
titioner, and who has travelled and seen
a very great deal. I believe it is Dr.
Syngé's intention to take up practise in
town, having secured an office over the
new postoffice. She is at present en-
joing at Up-Down.

I notice by the Ottawa papers that the
Hon. Frank and Mrs. Oliver recently en-
tertained at a charming dinner in honor
of the western sessional visitors. Mrs.
Oliver's gifts as the most entertaining of

hostesses are assurance that the affair
passed off in the happiest fashion.

Mrs. Richard Hardisty is enter-
taining at a "tea" in her commo-
dious home on Fifth St. on Fri-
day, in honor of Mrs. Percy Har-
disty.

Miss Clarke, who with a couple
of friends, has rented the John
Ross residence, on Elizabeth St.,
was the hostess of a very enjoyable
tea on Tuesday afternoon, when
the afternoon was enlivened by the
presence of the sterner sex, who
apparently take very kindly to tea.

The hostess received her guests
in an elaborate gown of dotted pale
green chiffon, over the same shade
of taffeta enhanced with trimmings
of cream lace, and wore a wreath
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Several friends assisted her in doing the honors, Mrs. Nicholls and Mrs. Farquharson presiding at the prettily arranged tea-table, bright with a lovely shower of pink carnations and fern on a mirror base, centering a handsome tea cloth of Battenberg and drawn-over, over pink silk. Pink satin ribbons stretching to the four corners, where they were caught in flat bows further accentuated the color scheme. At a side table Mrs. W. D. Ferris served the tempting ices, while the Misses Graham, Tyner and Hobbs were three most attentive assistants.

Two charmingly attractive little girls, Miss Watts and Miss Morris opened the door and favored the coming and the parting guests with the most bewitching smiles.

The engagement is announced of Miss Emma E. Stauth to Mr. William Elgin Dunn, city ticket agent of the Canadian Northern Railway.

Peggy

Mrs. G. P. Smith of Camrose, who before her marriage to Mr. Smith last year, was Miss Jean Gunn of Toronto, is an elocutionist of ability and is much in requisition in the vicinity of her new home.

Dr. Forin has been appointed a coroner.

Note and Comment

(Continued from page 4)

of the subway. This is a reasonable concession. In discussing the question heretofore there has been considerable confusion. It should be remembered that it was at the request of the city that the C. P. R. offered to build the subway and that there is no likelihood that it can be forced to do so. The objection offered to the original arrangement was not to the principle of granting a concession but to the indefiniteness of the city's liability. It would be much better to pay \$25,000 outright than either to assume all responsibility for property damages or to have the railway cross Jasper avenue on the level.

The letter received on Tuesday night informing the council, that the Bell Telephone Co. intended to exercise its statutory rights and erect poles in the city has occasioned much surprise. If it means that we are to have a second system in addition to that which the municipality is now installing, the situation will become decidedly interesting and at the same time annoying.

Some weeks ago there was reproduced on this page from the Medicine Hat News a report of the meeting of the Liberal executive of that city, at which a ballot was taken as to who should fill the vacant position of postmaster there.

Mr. W. J. McLean was the choice and the announcement was made this week that he had been duly appointed by the government. It is not often that the public gets so clear a glimpse of the manner in which the posts in its service are filled. Does the system lead to efficiency? In the masterly address which Rev. Dr. Chown gave at the luncheon of the Edmonton Canadian Club on Monday on the subject of good citizenship, he made a strong plea for civil service reform.

"It would," he declared "put into the positions persons who were fit to fill offices in the public service. If an independent commissioner were appointed to place men in the service, a great deal of the hurry and scurry and racket of elections would be done away with. The purpose of much of the noise at election time is to divert the opinions of the people. We would have saner politics if the efforts of party self-seekers were eliminated. I would suggest, that in this new province, as in the future you must be leader of the thought of the Dominion, you should take hold and work out civil service reform."

The advice is excellent. The spoils system has not obtained the hold in the Dominion that it has across the border but there is still much to be done before conditions are at all satisfactory. Civil service reform means that politics must necessarily be brought to a higher level.

The Dominion Line intends to have one of its new steamships christened Alberta. If she goes ahead at anything like the rate the province has been doing, a new Atlantic record should be in prospect.

About Town

Ray Scoffman brought some meat into the city on Thursday which was condemned by the medical health officer.

George Mann was convicted on Thursday of retaining jewelry and money, which he found and which he knew to be the property of a friend, J. Reynolds. Sentence was reserved.

Thursday's chinook affected the whole province and as the Saturday News goes to press the thermometer stands in the neighborhood of 60 above.

While John Gibson, of Namao, was in Edmonton on Tuesday, his residence was completely destroyed by fire.

Through the agency of E. H. Riley, M.P.P., the Mays Coal Co., helped out by the other dealers, forwarded a train load of coal to Calgary on Thursday in response to a telegram from Mayor Cameron.

It is probable that the decision of the full court of Alberta handed down in Calgary recently to the effect that the Alberta medical act passed last session was ultra vires will be appealed to Ottawa. Dr. Brett, the president of the council with Drs. Braithwaite, Simpson, Lafferty and Holson were in conference with the Deputy Attorney-General, Mr. Woods, Thursday morning.

S. Adams and N. H. Butterfield left Thursday for the Yellowhead Pass with supplies for G. T. P. surveyors.

A young German named Aarbo became delirious with typhoid fever and gave considerable trouble early Wednesday morning at the Senate hotel.

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